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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
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IN THE MATTER OF THE UNLICENSED PRACTICE OF NURSING BY

: Administrative Action

CONSENT ORDER

SHULAMIT LAZARUS

IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of information which revealed that in or around December 2011, Shulamit Lazarus ("Respondent") submitted a letter that was signed "Shulamit Lazarus RN..." to the New Jersey Board of Dentistry. Respondent previously held licenses to practice nursing in the States of New York and Massachusetts but was never licensed as a nurse in the State of New Jersey. Upon investigation it was discovered that

Respondent's New York and Massachusetts nursing licenses, unbeknownst to Respondent, had expired in 1998 and were not subsequently reinstated by Respondent. In or around March 2014, Respondent was informed of the lapse of her New York and Massachusetts licenses and, immediately and in good faith, voluntarily gave a statement to the Board orally and in writing agreeing to cease holding herself out as a nurse in all interactions and representations.

The Board finds that Respondent's holding herself out as a nurse in her December 2011 letter without holding any nursing license constitutes a violation of N.J.S.A. 45:11-37, which renders it "unlawful for any person... [t]o represent in any way that such person is a registered nurse or to use after his or her name the abbreviation "R.N." unless such person holds an effective, unsuspended license as a professional nurse." This violation, in turn, constitutes a violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h).

It appearing that Respondent voluntarily ceased holding herself out as a nurse as of March 2014 and now agrees to voluntarily enter into an order continuing such cessation; and Respondent not making admissions and without prejudice to her ability to defend any action brought based on the above

allegations; and the Board finding the within disposition adequately protective of the public health, safety and welfare; and other good cause having been shown;

ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

- 1. Respondent shall continue to cease and desist from holding herself out as a nurse in the State of New Jersey and shall refrain from the practice of nursing in the State of New Jersey unless and until she is licensed to practice nursing.
- 2. The entry of the within Order is without prejudice to the further investigation and/or prosecution of any violations by Respondent of any statutes or regulations governing nursing practice in the State of New Jersey or any other violations of law, by the Board, the Attorney General, or any other regulatory or law enforcement entity or agency, including, but not limited to, any pending matters under investigation. This Consent Order constitutes an agreement between only the Board of Nursing and Respondent.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:

Patricia Murphy, PhD, APN

Board President

I have read and understand this Order and agree to be bound by its terms. I understand that this Order has serious legal consequences and have been given the opportunity to consult with legal counsel. I consent to the entry of this Order.

Shulamit Lazarus

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